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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Miss Alice Billings was in Gilead last week.

C. A. Dole of Bangor was in the village last week.

Mrs. F. E. Barton was in Portland, Saturday.

W. E. Skillings went to Sumner, Tuesday morning.

Mr. G. R. Wiley was in Portland Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Hastings spent a few days in Boston, last week.

Rev. A. S. Ladd preached at the M. E. church last Sunday.

Miss Mary Coy of Oxford is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mina Harriman.

S. W. Parker of Turner was in town a few days last week.

Mr. Milton Penley was in Portland last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster went to their home in Newry last Friday.

Mr. Gilman Chapman visited his sister, Mrs. Wilson in Berlin, Friday.

The ice is out of the river and the river drivers are "on to their jobs."

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. M. Burton and son Roy of Corinna, are visiting at H. A. Packard's.

Rev. C. N. Gleason went to Rumford Corner, Sunday, to attend a funeral.

Mrs. C. H. Harvey spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Lewiston.

Miss Edith Farwell of Gilead has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Alice Farwell.

Mrs. Ada Baker of Newry has been the guest of Miss Hattie Foster this week.

The Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Thursday afternoon, March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jodrey are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Miss Lulu Bryant of Portland visited her sister, Mrs. Clarence Fox, last week.

Mrs. Ray Grover and children were calling upon friends in our village, Tuesday.

Miss Addie Gordon went to So. Portland Saturday, to spend a few days with friends.

C. G. Kimball who has been at Farmacheene during the winter, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Stewart who has been visiting at G. R. Wiley's, returned to her home in Norway, Saturday.

Mrs. Taylor and children have returned from Hastings and occupy the Mason rent as formerly.

Mrs. Palmer of Brunswick has been with her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Sturdivant, for the past few days.

Stanley Chapman of Norway is spending a short time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hastings.

Mr. C. Dorey from Nova Scotia is in Bethel visiting his two sisters, Mrs. N. Lowe and Mrs. W. Lowe.

Herman Mason recently went to Bridgton to attend the Prize Speaking and Athletic Association of Bridgton Academy.

Mr. F. L. Edwards has purchased the house on Main St., now occupied by Mr. Chas. Davis and intends to occupy it about the first of June.

Harry Purington, Frank Weed, Victor Gehring, Earle Philbrook and Lyman Narten, students at Gould's Academy, went to Brunswick last Friday, to attend the eighth Indoor Athletic Meet at Bowdoin.

The Bethel friends of Winfield Packard are pleased to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to return to his home in Monmouth. As was reported in these columns a few weeks ago, he has had a very severe attack of typhoid fever at Searsport where he was teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport who have spent the past three years at the Meyer residence in Bethel will start next Friday for New York. They have many friends in Bethel who will regret to have them move away.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morice who have spent the past year in Bethel, will start next Thursday for Mr. Morice's old home in Toronto. They have very many friends in Bethel who will regret to learn that they are to make their home in Bethel no longer. They have the best wishes of their host of friends.

Mrs. Bennett Morse and daughter Emma of Upton, passed through Bethel Sunday on their way to Augusta where they were called owing to the illness of Miss Adelia Morse who is suffering from typhoid fever. We are pleased to report that they found Miss Morse more comfortable than they expected and a speedy recovery is looked for.

Cullen C. Chapman Dead.

Mr. Cullen C. Chapman, president of the Chapman National Bank and one of the most prominent business citizens of Portland, died at his home last Sunday afternoon after a long illness. He was taken ill several months ago and had been gradually failing since that time. On Friday of last week it was deemed necessary to amputate a leg in the hope of prolonging his life, but he failed rapidly and the end came Sunday afternoon. The funeral occurred this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence in Portland.

Mr. Chapman was born in Bethel, Dec. 27, 1833, son of the Hon. Robert A. Chapman and Florence Carter Chapman. He was educated at Gould's Academy and Bridgton Academy. After spending two years at Bethel in his father's store, he moved to Portland and entered a flour and grain store where he showed marked business ability and in less than a year became partner with his employer. In 1890 with his brothers Charles J. and Robert C. Chapman he started the Chapman Banking Company, the business of which firm developed so successfully, that it was deemed best to place it on a more permanent basis, therefore Hon. Seth L. Larrabee, E. M. Steadman and others were taken into the company and the Chapman National Bank organized with Mr. Chapman as president.

Mr. Chapman was a public spirited man and always took a deep interest in the affairs of his city and will be long missed by a large circle of friends.

Resolutions.

Masonic Hall, March 12, 1903. WHEREAS, In the providence of God, Brother Harry Swan has gone from our presence, it is

Resolved: That in his death we are reminded of the brevity of human life, and yet while we feel the loss of a worthy brother, we can not as Masons, mourn as those without hope, for we believe that our brother still lives to enjoy better and higher privileges in that other home, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Resolved: That our sympathies go out to his family in their bereavement, and as a token of our respect for our departed brother, we recommend that these resolutions be spread upon the Lodge Records, and that a copy be sent to the family, and to the Bethel News for publication.

F. E. BARTON, } Committee
J. H. BARROWS, }
D. C. LOVEJOY, } Resolutions.

Millinery Opening.

Misses Wood & Brann of Lewiston who have recently associated themselves in the millinery business with Miss E. E. Burnham at Bethel, will be here next Monday afternoon and evening, March 30, at which time there will be on exhibition one of the choicest lines of sample millinery ever shown in Bethel. The new members of the firm are very anxious to meet the Bethel people and it is sincerely hoped that all of Miss Burnham's former customers and any others who are interested in spring millinery, will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting this store on the date above mentioned and examine the goods which will be shown at that time. Don't forget the date, March 30.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

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Rev. Sumner Estes.

Rev. Sumner Estes, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed Baptist ministers in Maine, died very suddenly of heart failure at his home in Sanford, Me., on Monday, March 9, 1903. Apparently in his usual health, he had been about the house and out on the street as usual in the forenoon, and shortly after dinner he remarked that he felt tired and laid down to rest. The end came in about twenty minutes and without pain.

Mr. Estes was born in Bethel, Me., June 11, 1827, and was a son of Eli and Clarissa (Kimball) Estes, both also natives of Bethel. He received his preparatory education in the public schools and Gould's Academy of his native town, and Hebron Academy, from which he was graduated. He entered Colby University in the class of 1854, but on account of failing health left at the end of the second year. He experienced religion at the age of eleven years and joined the Baptist church in Bethel, by which, years later, he was licensed to preach. In 1853 he was approved after examination by an ordaining council, and was duly set apart for pastoral work in connection with the Baptist church in Canton. He also subsequently served other churches in Maine. The call of the church in Sanford came to him in 1871. This church he faithfully served until failing health compelled a change of occupation. His devotion to the kingdom never lessened, however. He was never happier than when in attendance upon the meetings which brought him into fellowship with his brethren. For many years he knew that instant death might come at any moment, but without anxiety or dread he lived out his days and months and years happily and usefully. In 1852 Mr. Estes was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Holt of Bethel, a daughter of Deacon Joseph Holt, now deceased. Mrs. Estes died in February 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Estes became the parents of four children, two of whom are living—Eva M. and Dr. Charles S. Dr. Estes is a graduate of Colby College and Johns Hopkins University. He is at present connected with the mixed High school in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church in Sanford. The services were conducted by his pastor Rev. Herbert Tilden, assisted by Rev. A. N. Dary of Nashua, N. H. Other speakers were Rev. A. T. Belknap of Massachusetts, Rev. J. E. Cochrane of Springvale, Rev. C. Julian Tutthill of the Congregational church, and Rev. Alexander Hamilton of the Methodist church. All felt that a good, useful and faithful man had gone to his reward.

Dear Grace.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has received,
The boon his love had given;
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M. N. L.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
Time Table in Effect Dec. 7, 1902.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

Island Pond, leave,	A. M.	P. M.
Gorham,	4:00	8:20
Gilead,	4:00	8:20
West Bethel,	4:00	8:20
BETHEL, arrive,	4:45	8:53
Locks Mills,	4:45	8:53
Bryant Pond,	5:05	9:05
South Paris,	5:30	9:30
Lewiston,	6:40	10:30
Portland, arrive	7:30	11:15
Boston, via rail,	12:45	4:10
Boston, via boat,		3:00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

Portland, leave,	A. M.	P. M.
Lewiston,	8:15	1:30
South Paris,	9:00	2:30
Bryant Pond,	10:00	3:30
Locks Mills,	10:25	4:10
BETHEL, arrive,	10:46	4:32
West Bethel,	10:54	4:42
Gilead,	11:05	4:54
Gorham,	11:33	5:40
Island Pond,	1:30	7:50
Montreal,	6:50	7:00
Toronto,	7:15	7:45
Chicago,	8:45	9:20

The train leaving Bethel at 4:45 A. M. East and 9:37 P. M. West, runs every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 7:30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10:12 A. M., and at Berlin 11:15 A. M. Returning leave Berlin at 4:00 P. M., Bethel, 5:05 P. M.

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MASTER and SLAVE

By... T. H. THORPE

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Quilbert stretched himself to a half reclining position, thrust his hands deep into his pocket and, with his eyes riveted upon the will, plunged into a cogitation so profound and apparently so forceful that it seemed a bodily action instead of an intellectual operation. This silent function was prolonged, and Evariste became impatient, though he dared not disturb it. Suddenly Quilbert rose, drew from his pocket a number of letters, and, tearing from one a blank page of thin French made paper, he took up the will, turned the key in the door and walked to the rear end of the room, where a single window let in the light from the west. Finding pen and ink on the wide mantel, he placed them on the window ledge.

"What are you doing?" asked Evariste.

"Stay where you are," Quilbert replied. He spread the will against the dirty window pane, illuminated by the almost vertical rays of the evening sun, and over it the page of translucent paper. With slow movement he plied the pen, stopping at intervals to rest his hand and wrist, and for an hour labored thus, uttering never a word. Then, emitting a satisfied sigh, he removed the two sheets from the glass and, laying them before Evariste, said:

"How does that strike you?"

Evariste was amazed and exclaimed admiringly:

"You certainly are a master, Constant!"

"But you can improve on that. Your fingers and wrist are more supple and steady than mine. Only take time and be careful." And Quilbert drew the thin sheet toward him and lit a match.

"Don't do that. Give it to me," Evariste cried.

"No, no," his companion answered, with a sapient grin. "This is mine. You have the suggestion." And, touching the flame to it, he turned the burning paper with his fingers until every part was converted to ashes, which he crumbled with his hand and stirred with those in the huge fireplace.

For many days Evariste remained on the plantation. His reticence and thoughtful mien were taken for sorrowing. Much of this time was spent in his room. He aged visibly. The poignancy of his grief was attested.

A month later, wearing on his hat a band of black, he sought audience of Father Grhe, who received him with courtesy, but not with warmth, briefly speaking the expected words of condolence.

"Father," he said, "my dear, generous brother left with me a sealed envelope instructing me to open it on learning of his death. I have just done so and found it to be his last will and testament in the olographic form. Here it is. Kindly read it and say whether you recognize the handwriting to be entirely his, for I know you have often seen him write and sign during his lifetime." He had got by rote the very wording of the code's formula.

The priest carefully studied the paper, throwing now and then a searching glance upon the subdued countenance of his visitor, and said:

"Yes, I recognize the writing to be that of your brother."

"You will so testify in court, father?"

"I must, if called." His tone implied reluctance.

"You were one of his closest and most highly esteemed friends and for that reason, father, I deem it meet and desirable that you should be one of the witnesses to prove his testament."

"Be it so," said the good man, though he plausibly wished the request had not been made.

Evariste now sought Noreau, the old time clerk of court, and, putting to him the same interrogatories, received the like responses.

And in due course, on proof of handwriting delivered by Father Grhe and Lucien Noreau and of death made by Valin Mouillot, the parish judge attached his paraph and ordered to be executed "in all its parts and particulars" the following instrument pronounced by Evariste as the last will and testament of Horace Oakfield:

PARISH OF AYOTTELLE, LOUISIANA, May 6, 1891.

I, Horace Oakfield of "L'Esperance" plantation, in the parish and state above written, of lawful age and without forced heirs, being of sound health both in mind and body, but knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and especially having in view the perils of war, into which I am about to enter, do make this my last will and testament in the olographic form.

I give and bequeath unto my brother, Evariste Oakfield, all my estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated which I may possess at the moment of my death.

I appoint my brother, Evariste Oakfield, sole executor of this testament and dispense him from giving bond.

This testament has been dated, written and signed by me on one sheet of paper at one writing.

HORACE OAKFIELD.

Receiving the letters testamentary sealed with seal of the court, his warrant of dominion over all the Oakfield fortune, Evariste proudly traversed the parish, returning to "L'Esperance" as his master.

"Ah, Horace," to himself he said, "in your narrow bed beneath the apple trees do you dream? Can you see your mean craftiness made a stepping stone to my will? Do you now believe that I am fit for neither law nor politics? O wise Horace, do you not know that success is the only thing worth striving for, that with it I rise in my own case, team and advance in the respect of my

fellow men? Do you not understand the difference between your arrogant daring and my patient courage? Have you visions, sleeping hero? Behold this one. The beautiful, melting Estelle is no longer a virgin widow. Her sweet, blushing face is under the bridal veil. Rouse yourself, dear brother, and be present at the marriage fete."

"I will," said a voice, which froze his blood and caused him to reel in his saddle.

"I will send a squad with the corporal to guard the cotton," continued the voice, and, looking around, he saw and saluted two officers of the Union forces passing behind him on the crossroad to Coude de Francois.

CHAPTER XVI.

VISIONS.

LAURE'S quick eye perceived the change in Evariste's bearing. She saw the lofty confidence in his face as he passed to and from the Latolais home with increasing frequency and understood that he felt he had been lifted above the level on which she stood, far and beyond her reach. And Quilbert's manner of easy familiarity and assured control she attributed to his belief that her passion for the young man must be attenuated by the suddenly lengthened distance from its object. But her stout heart was not dismayed nor were her faculties blunted by contact with difficulties. Her hate was strong and unyielding; her love was fierce and selfish. She had never forgiven Estelle the defeat in the contest for sponsorship of the church bell. She had an added grievance against her as the magnet which drew him who was her own life's loadstone and abhorred her as the source of Quilbert's hope of power over herself. That Estelle loved Horace and could never love again; that marriage with Evariste would make her life one long, bitter misery, she well knew. But welcome as was that prospect to her hatred, it terrified her love as its doom. Estelle's punishment and her own suffering were inseparably involved. The counter currents of passion met in her, and, as the scientists declare of the sinusoidal positive and negatives of electricity, instead of annihilating each other, commingled and produced a force partaking of the natures of both. Her watchfulness of Quilbert was sharpened, her demeanor toward Evariste grew bolder and warmer, and she refused to admit into her mind a doubt of her final triumph over both.

The cause of the Confederacy was expiring when the Federal commander ordered the burning of the Proshame distillery near Mansura, from which Dede's cabaret had long drawn its supply of rum. That notable bonfire was thus enabled to double the price for the goodly store of it he had then on hand. The conflagration attracted the country folk in large numbers. Among the spectators were Quilbert, Evariste and Latolais, who had awaited it at the cabaret; also Laure, returning from a visit to the little milliner at Marksville, viewed the spectacle from a favorable point which she selected near Evariste. When the dense black

at the old cottage to get a book of my granduncle's which I left there."

"I will be delighted," he assented, with a condescending air which was not lost upon her. "Are you not fearful that those things will be stolen from the deserted cottage?"

"No. The thieves among us will not risk the vengeance of the doctress."

"But she is dead."

"They dread her curse the more because she is dead."

They rode through the swamp in silence. He affected to relate the dignity which he thought had been unwittingly lowered by the free converse in the crowd. She gave herself to a train of disturbing thoughts, which flushed and paled her brown face and escaped in sighs from her heaving bosom, and she threw from dark, melting eyes glances of yearning and adoration upon her unseeing companion for which many a Gascon would gladly have given all his worldly possessions.

Arrived at the cottage, she drew a bunch of keys from her reticule and, begging Evariste to await her on the veranda, unlocked the door and entered. The stillness of the house and all its surroundings, the motionless prospect of open field and rigid forest, the creeping shadows of evening and Laure's words, "They dread her curse the more because she is dead," worked insidiously upon the scoffer a sense of the uncanny, and Evariste was oppressed by a feeling of the presence of the old doctress. Dreamily he fell into a reverie, in which he seemed to receive a presentiment from the white haired oracle. A footstep recalled him, and he started, as if at an apparition, upon beholding Laure, her head bared and the luxuriant hair tumbling in wavelets about her forehead, clad in the gown of flimsy, clinging fabric she had worn the day he gave her the crescent of rubies and diamonds. Her ripened figure, of voluptuous contour, strained to the utmost the delicate enveloping tissue. Entranced in her moist eyes, quivering lips and quick breath betrayed the agitation of her heart. Rich, glowing, tropical, her beauty was that of the red lily. Evariste gazed upon her in mute, admiring wonder.

"Hear me patiently, Evariste, and weigh well what I will say." There was intense pleading in her voice, and she drew near to him he could see the rapid throbbing of the veins in her satiny neck. "You have book learning and know the ways and rules of what is called society. You understand the business and politics of men. But you do not know yourself or human nature. I do. It is a gift. Your passions possess you. If you attempt to hide them, they consume you. Opposition slays discretion and sends you on reckless courses. You have never been happy. You envied your brother. His very generosity irritated you. His fortune you coveted and his intended wife. Both desires were enemies to your content. Your heart was lighter when you had none of his fortune than now that you possess it all. You would be more at peace with only the half he promised you."

Alarm came to Evariste's face at these words, but whether she detected it or not she continued her dissection of his life without pause.

"And should you acquire the woman as you did the fortune, your wretchedness would be complete and beyond other cure than death. She will never love you. Her weak spirit would yield a fearful, meek submission, which would rob against the grain of your temper, hold you back, fret you and end in tragedy."

"Indeed, Laure, you talk very like a fortune teller," Evariste said coldly, "and I foresee quite a career for you in taking horoscopes. You will have many patrons, but at present I do not care to be numbered among them."

"Do not make light of what I am saying," Laure implored. "Be just to yourself, Evariste, and to me. I know that fine ladies would condemn me in this, but I know they would be hypocrites. Abandon the pursuit of that which can only desolate your life, and—come, Evariste, to me, who alone can." Her speech was stifled by a rising sob. Opening her arms to him, devouring him with her passion lit eyes, her face aflame, she put aside restraint from her words, which came burning from her ravishing lips. "Oh, Evariste, I love you! I care not what you think of me for saying it. I love you. Do you hear, Evariste? I love you. My love is not what these people about us call love. My love is myself. Apart from it I am not; without it I cannot breathe or sleep or think—I do not exist. And you are my love, you are my life. Without you I cease to be. Would not you defy the world's opinion to save your life? I live but once, I love but once. Life and love, they are but one to me. Then I brave the world to save my love, my life."

Pausing for breath, she saw the frown which had settled upon his brow, and as scolding tears coursed down her cheeks she said in supplicating tones:

"No other woman can ever know you so perfectly as I do, Evariste. No one can smooth your path as I can. No one will ever understand how to stay and direct your impulses as I will. I can and will be your watchful guardian, your faithful slave. It is not your fortune I crave; it is only you. All interest in the estate I would renounce. I would sell this little place my grandmother left and maintain myself upon its proceeds. I care nothing for dress or luxury. It is only you I want. Oh, come to me, Evariste, and let me compel your love and happiness! Save me from myself and let me save you from yours. Come to me in peace and wait not till you must fly to me for refuge from storm."

She was on her knees, and her upturned face shone with the light of devotional prayer.

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answer was delivered coldly and harshly.

"There is at least one insurmountable obstacle to what you propose," he said.

"Name it, and I will overcome it," Laure exclaimed hopefully.

"You cannot." He gave a cruel emphasis to his words. "It is your position in Quilbert's household."

She sprang to her feet, every fiber of her being tingling with the sting of this thrust, and glared upon him with the fury of a wounded tigress.

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"But go your way. I cannot renounce you and live. Thus far I have waited and suffered. I can endure a little more. It will not last very much longer, for, Evariste, come to me you will and in the flight of terror. I see it! I will wait!"

There was in her manner the positiveness of prescience which awed the man who had prided himself on impossibility, and he turned away perturbed and vexed. She re-entered the dark room and, flinging herself into

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"He shall not, though it take his death and mine to prevent!"

Resuming the gown she had worn through the day, Laure composed her features and returned to Quilbert's dwelling, loathing it now as a charnel house, but chopping not yet to leave it.

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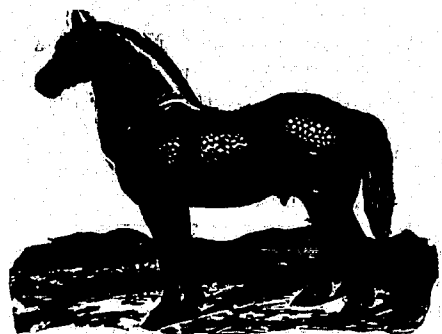
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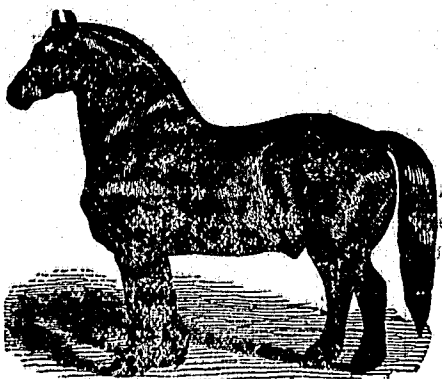
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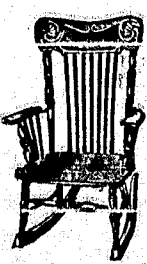
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The best friend is an atmosphere Warm with all inspirations dear, Wherein we breathe the large, free breath

Of life that hath no taint of death. Our friend is an unconscious part Of every true beat of our heart; A strength, a growth, whence we derive God's health, that keeps the world alive, —Lucy Larcom.

Good Manners.

Good manners are possible only when there is a good heart back of them. A bad man cannot have good manners, he may have on a sham very well calculated to deceive; but if one is true himself, he will not be mistaken. The truth in him rises to meet the truth in another and instinctively knows whether the meeting satisfies or whether is felt an undefined something which is not pleasure. It is true that a person may have good manners at one time and bad at another. Most of us do. We do not keep sweet all the time. Things do not go right or to suit us, and we have a little envy, anger or hate in our hearts, then we have a bad heart for a little while. It is impossible to have love and hate in our hearts at the same time. If we are thoroughly hating any one and thinking of him we are not loving any one else at that moment, and such feeling will color our actions toward every one about us for the time; this we notice when a person lets out his spite on those about him, when he cannot reach the one who induced the feeling. To be sure there are all degrees of dislike with actions to correspond. We cannot treat any one right unless we feel right toward him. We may by sheer force of will be just and keep such a perfect hold on ourselves as never to reveal our true feelings in outward action, and yet a sensitive person will feel that the action is not the true index of the heart.

Any intelligent person, however humble, who has a loving heart and is anxious to be kind to everyone, though he may not know the rules and regulations of good society, cannot have bad manners for he has the goodness from which good manners are composed. Did any one ever shake hands with you while talking to some one else? How did you feel? I have been told of a young Sunday school superintendent who was a success at this work, who always stood at the door of his Sunday school room before services and greeted the strangers who came in. If you were one, he shook hands with you and spoke to you as if you were the very one he had been waiting for and he was so glad you had come. To be sure he greeted every one the same way. For one moment his whole mind was centered on you, the next it was as wholly interested in another. He was glad you had come and it made you glad to be there. If there had been the least bit of doubt, criticism or indifference in his heart you would have felt it and although not being conscious of it, perhaps, you would not have been entirely glad. It is not an easy thing to acquire this heart that has no ill will toward any one but it is a wonderful thing when accomplished.

Poverty and ill health are naturally great deterrents to the energies of women who, imbued from their girlhood's days with the love of daintiness, desire their homes to resemble their early ideals. They feel at times that they cannot strive and contend with fate against that which is even repellent and sordid. So

It is not necessary to go to unjustifiable expense by procuring the softest carpets, the richest hangings or "priceless" pictures in order to have a bower of delight. There must be, however, on the other side, an artistic eye, a skillful hand, an observing mind and a due appreciation of the beautiful.

Consumption is a human weed flourishing best in weak lungs. Like other weeds it's easily destroyed while young; when old, sometimes impossible. Strengthen the lungs as you would weak land and the weeds will disappear. The best lung fertilizer is Scott's Emulsion. Salt pork is good too, but it is very hard to digest. The time to treat consumption is when you begin trying to hide it from yourself. Others see it, you won't. Don't wait until you can't deceive yourself any longer. Begin with the first thought to take Scott's Emulsion. If it isn't really consumption so much the better; you will soon forget it and be better for the treatment. If it is consumption you can't expect to be cured at once, but if you will begin in time and will be rigidly regular in your treatment you will win.

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Order, Punctuality and Beauty Oil the Wheels of Life.

Homes should be an oratorio of the memory, singing to all our after-life melodies and harmonies of old remembered joy.—Henry Ward Beecher.

It cannot be denied that conscientiously or unconsciously we absorb into our nature the beauty or the ugliness of the outside objects with which we daily come in contact and that in process of time the impression seeks an outlet by way of our features or words or actions. The result is scarcely surprising if we give the question a moment's thought.

Order and punctuality are two great rules to which every well ordered household must of necessity submit. They are of inestimable benefit in oiling the wheels of life, preventing as they do the worry incurred by loss of time, which brings in its train wrinkles to the

brow and harsh words to the lips, even if it be fortunate enough to bring nothing else.

The arrangement of furniture, china, books, etc., should be regarded from an ethical point of view as well as from the artistic one. Like the golden sunlight, artistic, cheerful surroundings stimulate the mind besides pleasing the eye. For instance, a wall paper of softest yellow involuntarily sheds its comforting glow on the mind, while one of a deep gray or dingy brown hue depresses the spectator. Human nature craves light and warmth, though the expression of its desire may be subject to a variety of tints and degrees. Crowded rooms seem to cramp minds as well as limbs, and unmeaningly somber apartments would fain draw over our eyes that blue veil ever ready to fall as the years silently advance.

The good order of a house is like contentment on a placid face, but fairy fingers are required to endue it with the beauty of attractiveness. It is not given to every one to realize the truth of these two facts, judging from the many homes in which one is struck by the dust of neglect, the uncomfortable arrangements or inartistic colorings. As we gaze we pity the inmates who are so unmerciful to their own minds.

It should be remembered as an important item in the decoration of the abode that cleanliness, purity and love, embodied in the fragile forms of flowers, visibly wait a message from the paradisaical home of our first parents. The rooms are filled with beauty and sweetness as they "pour out their souls in odors." A woman in a well appointed home has a much more attractive personality than a woman who takes no care of the province chosen of all others to be the setting of the jewel that may lose its own luster through the dimness of its background.

Housewives should not make the mistake of thinking that any cereal food possesses the food value of meat and potatoes. The real value of a food must depend more upon the protein it contains than upon any other single constituent. No cereal food of all those examined contained over 18 per cent of protein. A man at moderate work needs more than twice this amount combined with fat and carbohydrates in proportion.

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Little sachet bags of silk may be hung unobtrusively upon the backs of chairs to supply a faint, elusive scent to the room, if that is liked. These should be filled with dried leaves of sweet geranium, lemon verbena and lavender mixed, or of lemon verbena alone, if that delightful odor is preferred.

They make sweet sachets for the handkerchief box or the linen closet or the bureau drawer.

A Woman Lumber Dealer.

A Californian, Mrs. Mary Coggins by name, has shown that a woman may win success in the business of lumber dealer. She is at the head of a box factory and attends to all the details of the business, although one of her sons holds the position of general manager. She is interested also in the management of two sawmills and several thousand acres of timber land.

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How to Make English Meat Pie.

The veal and ham pie, which is a common English dish, should be better known here. The bone end of a piece of veal is stewed till the meat is tender with an equal amount of smoked ham. Take out the bone, strain the stock and separate the veal and ham pieces. Cut each in strips and lay in alternate layers in a deep baking dish. Season, cover with the clear stock and finish the dish with a flaky crust that will bake quickly. The dish is eaten cold, and when cut like any pie it will be found that the meat is set in a delicious jelly.

How to Revive Black Cloth.

To revive black cloth rub it with this solution, and it will be restored to its original blackness: Boil together for two hours half a pound of bruised galls, a pound of logwood, a quarter of a pound of green vitriol and three quarts of water.

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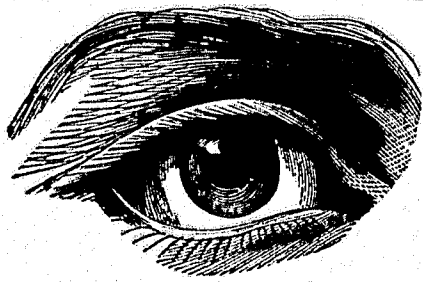
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25, 1903.

The Lewiston Sun was amused last week that the News should see any grounds for boasting, as they called it, of Maine's influence among her sister States, more especially when we credit such influence to the fact that she has always stood upon honor and striven for the right. Upon second thought we do not wonder that the Sun sees through the glass darkly; perhaps we should have excepted the fair city over which The Sun casts its benign influence instead of speaking of Maine as a whole. Our esteemed contemporary has discovered, too, that whatever high standing we ever have attained we have come to with our rum shops open. Certainly we can see no reason why this should not seem true from their standpoint, but in justice to the rest of us we hope that they will not measure us all again with the same yardstick which they use at home. We do not claim that Maine's rum shops have been absolutely closed. The doors of many have been at times ajar; but better so than have them wide open, and still better to close them tight as the true friends of prohibition would do.

The appropriations which were made by the fifty-seventh Congress aggregated only \$1,554,108,514.00 or a little more than a billion and a half. Not many years ago the "Billion Dollar Congress" was in everybody's mouth, but now hardly any one takes occasion to refer to the billion and a half Congress. Truly these are days of advancement.

Prohibition Reduces Jail Expenses.

The Lewiston Journal says that: "The expense of running the Androscoggin county jail has been decreased about one-half under the enforcement of Sheriff Cummings. This has been partly due to the decrease of prisoners at the county jail. There were 54 Tuesday noon. This is believed to be the smallest number that has been recorded for several years. About half of these are from out of the county, several are serving sentences for larceny and a number are awaiting the grand jury; few are serving time for intoxication. The expenses for food for the prisoners in the jail for the past three months is as follows: December, 1902, \$410.20; January, 1903, \$342.80; February, 1903, \$237.71. The actual decrease is \$182.49."



Eye Troubles

Are many, and it takes a knowledge of the eye and experience in the work to make a correct diagnosis of the trouble.

Should your eyes trouble you call and let me give them a careful examination and I can tell you whether glasses will help you or whether you should go to an oculist for treatment.

Over seven years' experience among you, and a large number wearing my glasses each year, speaks for my skill.

Edward King
JEWELER-OPHTHALMIC

BETHEL, MAINE.

Train Service of the Grand Trunk.

We are giving, herewith, a likeness of Mr. Charles M. Hayes, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway System, the man under whose management the road has made many of the improvements which are in evidence all along its line of service and very much appreciated by the public.

The News is always glad to express its appreciation when individuals or corporations merit the expression of such appreciation by their deeds of action and it is pleased to express its appreciation at this time of the excellent service which is being rendered by the Grand Trunk Railway.



CHARLES M. HAYES.

There are few villages in Maine of the size of those along the line of the Grand Trunk which have the train service which we enjoy. With our three trains each way, one in the early morning, and one late at night, we are given a service which fills our requirements to the letter. It is not our purpose to make any comparisons, but we often hear the traveling men refer to the service along the line of the Maine Central, and while it is true that the Maine Central has a greater number of trains each day than is run by the Grand Trunk over this division, yet, when it is taken into consideration that several of them are through trains and only stop at the cities, it will be seen that the smaller towns along the line are not getting any additional service by the increased number of trains.

It is possible for the people along the Grand Trunk, when occasion demands, to leave their homes in the morning, take their dinner in Boston, do half a day's work there and return to Portland the same day; or it is possible to leave our homes in the morning, spend the day in Lewiston or Portland and return home at night, and these certainly are privileges which are not enjoyed by many of the larger villages of Maine, not even the metropolis of Oxford county which is looking forward toward its city charter in the near future.

The Grand Trunk admits of favorable comparison, not only along the line referred to, but certainly the traveling public will bear out the statement that there are no better equipped passenger trains in Maine or even in New England than are afforded along our line. The four through trains are decidedly among the best trains which run into Maine and the two local trains will compare favorably with any of the others. Some new coaches have recently been added to the through trains which are indeed ideal and should be appreciated by all who have occasion to use them.

Another thing which has often impressed the News' man as he has traveled up and down the line, is the courteous treatment which is always received from the employees of the road. This certainly is a commendable feature of the road and one that is vastly more noticeable here than on most of the other roads on which we have occasion to travel; and on the whole we have no hesitancy in saying that we are proud of the service which is rendered by the Grand Trunk Railway, and if any who have failed to appreciate it in the past will take careful notice of some of the points touched upon here the next time they have occasion to travel on some of the other roads we feel sure that they will ever after corroborate our statements.

State Senator Frank H. Jackson of Providence, R. I., who recently died there, was a prominent lawyer of that city and a former resident of Maine having been born at Nobleboro in 1848 and admitted to the Kennebec bar in 1867.

Nothing Tastes Good

And eating is simply perfunctory—done because it must be. This is the common complaint of the dyspeptic.

If eating sparingly would cure dyspepsia, few would suffer from it long.

The only way to cure dyspepsia, which is difficult digestion, is to give vigor and tone to the stomach and the whole digestive system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cured the niece of Frank Fay, 106 N. St., South Boston, Mass., who writes that she had been a great sufferer from dyspepsia for six years; had been without appetite and had been troubled with sour stomach and headache. She had tried many other medicines in vain. Two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made her well.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Don't wait till you are worse, but buy a bottle today.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The all-wise Father has called to the Heavenly home one of our oldest and most respected charter members, brother T. H. Chapman, therefore be it

Resolved: That in the death of Brother Chapman, Bethel Grange mourns the loss of one of its strongest and most loyal members, and while we bow in sorrow, we thankfully cherish many pleasant memories. We remember him as a Christian gentleman, a faithful citizen, true to the best interests of the community and State in which he lived, and his faithful record and devotion to the Order will never be forgotten.

Resolved: That we extend the heartfelt sympathy of all Patrons of Husbandry to the widow and family of our deceased Brother, and ever rely on the wisdom and providence of the Heavenly Father to guide and direct the future as in the past, making all things work together for our good.

Resolved: That these resolutions be preserved in our records, printed in the Bethel News, and a copy sent to the family of our deceased Brother.

C. E. VALENTINE, { Committee.
B. M. VALENTINE, }

SUNDAY RIVER.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Martha Eames is improving in health; her granddaughter, Miss Carrie Brooks, who has been caring for her, has returned to her home in Grafton.

Lin Bartlett who has been lumbering in Ketchikan the past winter, broke camp last Monday.

Will Powers is driving the logs that he cut and landed on Sunday River last winter.

Andrew Jackson is working in Ketchikan on Thurston's drive.

Leroy Stowe has tapped his sugar orchard and he reports a light run of sap so far.

James Spinney has finished his job at Frye and moved his family to H. M. Kendall's. He will take possession of his new home here the first of April.

NORTH ALBANY.

Deforest McDonnell of Norway visited at F. D. Bennett's one day last week, coming through with a wagon.

Eustace Bennett and wife returned to Norway last Friday.

Carrie Emory Penley with her baby, has been spending the winter at her old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Brown are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy, born Sunday night, March 15.

A serious quarrel took place at Fred Edwards' mill in this place last Thursday between Leslie Kimball and John McKenzie, when words led to blows; Kimball struck McKenzie down with a piece of iron axle used as a stake. Dr. Sturdivant was called to dress the wound. It took three stitches to close the cut in the scalp; fortunately the skull was not broken.

A call for reliable, energetic men to engage in a business both permanent and profitable is made in the card, "Men Wanted," in another column.

Cholly—I would have bought a box of candy this evening, Gladys, only you're training for a basketball game, you know, and—

Indignant Maiden—I'm not doing anything of the sort!

Cholly (turning pale)—Then I've got my girls mixed!

STATE NEWS.

A Gardiner apple packer reports that he recently shipped 175 barrels of apples and the returns did not cover the freight bill by \$50.

Rev. Smith Baker, D. D. of Portland, will deliver the address before the annual meeting of the Maine Bible Association in Lewiston April 19th.

Mrs. James Ashby of Fort Fairfield, has a table made from the pine timber of which the old Block House of Aroostook war fame, and which gave the town its name, was built.

A movement is on foot in Warren for a free public library. Hon. N. R. Matthews, an honored son of the town, has given \$15,000 as a starter and it is expected that others will follow suit.

A special town meeting in the town of Turner is called for March 26th to see if the town will vote \$15,000 toward an electric road from the city of Auburn to that town.

Associate Justice Powers committed two men to Maine State Prison for life, at Dover, last Thursday, one Edward Ballard and the other Henry Lambert, each of whom were found guilty of murder in the first degree.

The will of the late Arthur Pennell who together with his wife lost their lives in an automobile accident at Buffalo, N. Y., recently, and whose name has been associated with the Burdick murder, shows an estate valued at about \$400,000.

A curious matrimonial instance is reported from Waterville where twin brothers, Perham C. Potter and Percy C. Potter, married sisters, Annie Murray and Emma R. Murray.

A new Maine writer appears in the field of fiction. The story, "A Tale Never Told," written by Alfred W. Anthony of Bates College, was published in the March number of the "Black Cat" and was awarded the one thousand dollar cash prize offered by the magazine in last year's contest.

The lumber cut on the east and west branches of the Penobscot river this winter, shows a total of 168,200,000 feet, a gain of 31,000,000 feet over last year. This is said to be the largest cut ever made on these branches.

The South Paris Manufacturing Co. have closed their camp No. 2, in the Greenwood woods and will close camp No. 1, in about two weeks. They are now picking up and sawing the scattering logs and clearing up their winter's work. The winter's work at the two camps is sixteen hundred thousand feet of hard wood lumber cut and sawed and fourteen hundred thousand feet have been hauled to West Paris. Most of this lumber will be used at the So. Paris manufacturing plant.

Disbarment proceedings against C. W. Hussey, Esq., of Waterville before the Supreme Court at Augusta last week resulted in a decision by Chief Justice Wiswell that Hussey should be suspended for nine months and all executions now in his hands be cancelled.

They tell this on Representative Barker of Bangor: He was called to the chair Wednesday morning and was getting on in fine style, there are those who say he intends to be speaker two years hence, and has been practicing this session between whistles. Be that as it may, he was putting things along at a pace which equaled Speaker Fellows himself, when little Donald Southerland, the three-year-old son of Representative Southerland of Biddeford, who was sitting on his father's knee, turned and said loud enough for all around him to hear, "Come papa, let's go. I don't like this show. I'd rather see the nigger man."

The Lewiston Journal tells of a young woman in that City who has gotten through the winter on a half ton of coal. She began to run her fire the first Sunday in December and it did not go out until the first of March.

I wish to inform my many customers, that I have returned from Boston with Spring and Summer

MILLINERY

and a full line of Ladies'

FURNISHINGS

Look for notice of opening later.

L. M. STEARNS,

MAIN ST., BETHEL, ME.

NORTH RUMFORD.

While playing with her pet dog around the wood pile, Miss Alice Hoyt, daughter of Frank Hoyt, met with a serious accident. The snow had melted from under the logs and in some way she caused the log to roll and was caught under one, dislocating a shoulder and giving her quite a shock. The dog which she had in harness, broke away and gave the alarm by barking and running to the house. Dr. Abbott of Rumford Point, was called to attend. Miss Hoyt is doing well.

By invitation of Mr. E. A. Richardson, Hawthorn League social was held at his home on the evening of March 11. Owing to bad traveling only nearby people attended. An apple rhyming contest, charades, recitations by Masters Hershel Glines, David Glines, Carroll Elliott and Miss Ruth Glines, also singing by Hershel and Ruth Glines made up the entertainment. The fortunate ones got apple pie while the majority consoled themselves with cake and coffee.

GROVER HILL.

Bad travelling.

Snow nearly gone.

Mrs. Will Hutchinson who is quite ill, is attended by her husband's mother, Mrs. Herbert Hutchinson from Bethel Hill.

Grover Bros. are tearing down the old Wheeler house to save the lumber for future use.

Bion Brown, Geo. Bennett, and Fred Wheeler have employment with I. Morrill for a few weeks.

Augustus Grover was the guest of Irving Wilson and family of North Bethel, recently.

Bennie Fernald paid a short visit

to the home of Herbert Ring a few weeks ago.

Jacob Paine of Newry was a recent guest of relatives in this place. Farmers here have put their pulp timber into the brook leading to the Androscoggin.

A heavy rain Monday. Stock has wintered well.

Letter to E. E. Holt.
Bethel, Maine.

Dear Sir: We hear you're doing a good business, and we know already, without your telling us, that you use good paint and do good work. We've got a big business too—been at it 149 years—making good paint, best paint in the world, Devos Lead and Zinc. "Fewer gallons wear longer"—that's the reason in short. It takes fewer gallons of Devos Lead and Zinc than of mixed paints to cover a house, and it wears longer than lead and oil or any mixed paint.

Smith & Wilbur, Cambridge Springs, Pa., write:

One of our painters says Devos is the best paint for a painter to use when taking work by the job, as it goes farther and covers better than any paint he ever used.

Here's the experience everybody has with it. The dealer who sells Devos gets the bulk of the paint business of his town. The painter who paints Devos gets the painting of his town. Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOS & Co.,
New York.

P. S. G. R. Wiley sells our paint.

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over all New England to work locally and traveling, selling nursery stock. Steady job, pay weekly, experience not necessary, exclusive territory, outfit free. Apply at once.

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And that's the man we are looking for in your town. No matter what your present occupation. If you are the man, we have a lucrative position for you. You are invited to write for a free booklet, entitled "Is Your Vocation Satisfactory?" Address: F. H. HAZELTON, & CO., Managers for Maine. 93 Exchange St., PORTLAND, ME.

WEST BETHEL.**All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.**

The snow steadily decreaseth. Spring has come, and birds are happy.

Bicycles are running on the sidewalks.

N. Elwell Mills of Lewiston, made us a pleasant call last week. Elmer Fiske has gone to Locke Mills to work and intends to soon move his family there.

W. Frank Brown is visiting relatives in town and will spend the summer in Berlin, N. H.

Hon. C. E. Littlefield has our thanks for valuable reference books received from Washington last week.

Hastings Bros. of Bethel Hill have a crew of men employed running their pulp wood from Mason down Pleasant river.

A good job was done with the road-machine Friday which hastens the departure of the snow and ice from the highways.

Harry N. Mills came home from New Hampshire last week, where he had employment through the winter as a bookkeeper for a lumberman.

Thomas Vashaw and family have moved into the south tenement of A. J. Haskell's double house, and there is now only one vacant rent here, the new house owned by Miss Octavia J. Grover.

NEWRY CORNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Laforis York returned home from their winter's work in camp last Thursday.

Leslie Carlton who is working at Bemis, has been spending a few days at his home here.

Harvey Powers has gone to work in the mill at North Newry.

True Eames of North Newry spent Thursday afternoon with us.

Mrs. Don Smith has been quite ill.

Lawrence Searle went to Paris Monday, to work for a time.

Five little kids are added to the family of Angora goats owned by H. S. Hastings.

The Brothers of Bear River Grange had an animated discussion on the question "How I would keep house were I a woman." One brother declared he "would not," nor did he think it needful to work as hard as women did; another whose wife is on a visiting tour said "he had been a woman for forty days and the whole town couldn't hire him to be a woman forty days longer." Our pastor alone seemed rightly to realize the amount of work and responsibility resting upon the housekeeper; he said in concluding: "House-keeping is a profession."

Mrs. Gus Ross of Rumford Falls, was the guest of Edwin and Mary York last week.

Mr. Hubert York with wife and child of Albany, visited the York homestead recently.

The Androscoggin is now clear of ice and logs are floating.

Will and George Gaudet, Daniel McNeal and Stephen Durosche have all come out from winter camp and are staying at Mr. Peter Gaudet's home until river driving begins.

Terry Gaudet was seriously injured at the mill recently. His mother is caring for him. The physician thinks he will soon be able to be removed to the home of his father, Peter Gaudet.

Miss Bessie Searle was the guest of Mrs. Bert Harlowe last Thursday.

Clarence and Fred Bailey have finished their winter job and are with us again.

Leslie Carlton had an informal gathering of friends on Thursday evening. The graphophone was one of the evening pleasures.

To Mothers in This Town.

Children who are delicate, feverish and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweet Powder for Children. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, making a healthy child, strong and healthy. A certain cure for worms. Sold by all druggists. Sample Free. Address: Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Painful, Smarting, Hot, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c.

NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker have returned from a visit to his relatives.

There was a dance in R. W. Kilgore's hall last Saturday night.

M. L. Thurston has a crew of men driving logs in Bear River.

Mr. W. A. Foster and wife have turned from Bethel where Mrs. Foster has been for the past week on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Eli Stearns, who is now recovering.

Ray Thurston was at home from Andover Saturday.

GRAFTON.

Fred Tyler is at home from Magalloway, where he has been working for several months.

The snow is fast disappearing and wagons must soon be in use.

W. E. Pratt who has been working at Newry this winter, has returned home.

J. E. Brooks of Upton, has a crew of men driving logs, gotten out by him this winter, from this town to Umbagog lake.

W. H. Otis stayed at his home one night while on his way from West Sumner to Diamond where he went on business for E. I. Brown. He returned to Sumner last Sunday.

The logging teams belonging to Lane Bros. of Upton, passed through town Saturday on their way home.

Teams belonging to the Thurston's of Errol, N. H., went past Sunday, also several horses and part of the crew of men who have been working at Diamond for E. I. Brown.

PARIS.

Joseph Briggs has bought a horse of Elden Morey of Norway.

F. L. Cotton has sold his apples to C. C. Colby.

Bert Allen is at work for C. R. King.

H. R. Bonney is at home from New Hampshire for a short time.

Fred Allen is at work running the engine in the mill at Snow's Falls.

Herbert Tucker and wife of Durham, N. H., are visiting friends in town.

J. A. Starbird is building a summer cottage on his lot in King District.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Bertha Paine who has been visiting friends at East Albany and Grover's Corner, has gone to her home for a few days before going to Bethel to work.

Frank Emery called on Newton Moore recently, who is again confined to a darkened room on account of a diseased eye.

Lizzie Cummings, Nancy Andrews and Mrs. Etta Saunders are all on the gain.

The Ladies' Circle was entertained last Thursday evening at the vestry by Mrs. Mabel Beckler, Mrs. Alcina Grover and Maude Beckler.

The C. E. box supper was postponed on account of the death of Mrs. Caroline L. Cole.

Wm. Chase, a man 75 years old, is making maple syrup. He has thirty trees tapped and has made a number of quarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rugg are in Norway for a short time, looking after S. H. Millett's establishment while he and his wife are visiting in Boston.

Mrs. Bruce who has been confined to her home by illness for sometime, is better.

Mrs. Alton Fernald and Mrs. Adella Kimball were at Waterford recently.

Round Mountain Grange is anticipating a visit from State Lecturer Thompson, sometime in April.

About time to hand in the valuation of your property.

Your Tongue

If it's coated, your stomach is bad, your liver is out of order. Ayer's Pills will clean your tongue, cure your dyspepsia, make your liver right. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c. All druggists.

Want your mouth and throat a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE FOR THE WHISKERS. 50 CENTS. DRUGGISTS, OR R. H. HALL & CO., NEWARK, N. J.

ANDOVER.

The June meeting of the Oxford Universalist Association will meet with the Andover church, and at the same time will take place the dedication of the new church; a new furnace has been purchased which will be put in this season, and the church will also be painted. The King's Daughters gave a new chandelier which will be put in place and the audience room is one of the most attractive in this region. Much credit is due this society for their earnest effort and hard labor. They will dedicate this building free of debt.

Misses Margery and Geneva Burgess have gone on a trip to Jay, Farmington and other places.

Mr. Stephen Cabot with his two grandsons, Walter Hoover and Robert Bainbridge, arrived from Boston this week.

Mrs. Wm. Perkins has gone to Portland for medical treatment. We trust she will return in improved health.

Harry Poor has gone as cook on a drive which is at present at Andover Surplus.

Mrs. Chas. Kimball has gone to South Paris for a few weeks.

Arthur Newton has gone to Rumford Falls as bookkeeper for a large firm.

In spite of the bad travelling our stage has not missed a trip.

Miss Agnes and Master Richard Talbot gave a party to their young friends last Thursday evening. About eighteen were present. Ice cream, cake, candy and punch were served.

Wednesday evening the Y. P. S. C. E. had a sale of aprons and fancy articles. A short entertainment followed by the game "Nuts to Crack." Richard Talbot answered the questions correctly and received first prize; Mrs. Matthew Elliott received second prize. Ice cream and cake were served and a good sum was realized.

Mr. E. J. Pratt went to the Lakes Monday, to cook for Mr. Cushman's men at Thayer's camp.

Mr. Wm. Cushman with his crew of carpenters will leave for the Lakes on Monday, March 23.

Miss Effie Thurston of North Newry is keeping books for her father during driving season.

Mr. Chas. Newton has made thirty gallons of maple syrup which has found a ready market at \$1.25 per gallon. He has an order of seventy gallons to fill. Messrs. Sidney and George Abbott have made and sold ten gallons already.

Walter Bailey is taking care of Mr. Wm. Perkins' stock while the latter is in Portland.

We are glad to report Miss Jane Gregg as improving in health.

A heavy rain commenced Saturday afternoon which continued until midnight, followed by cooler weather. We wonder if this will pass for the line storm.

A dancing school on Monday evening of this week. The last half will be conducted as Assemblies and many of the older people will join the class.

Mr. Alvin Averill was very ill a few days, occasioned by lead poison from painting which he had been doing.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ripley of Riddonville, on the arrival of a daughter in their home. Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Ripley's sister, is with her.

Miss Bertha Richards has returned from Rumford Falls where she has been the past few weeks.

Mrs. Susie (Mills) Titus has a young son, born March 15. Both are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Marston are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a daughter, weighing 10 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sweet entertained the whist party on Saturday evening, March 21.

Mr. R. L. Melcher spent last Sunday with his family.

Mr. Asa West was in town last week for a few days.

Mr. J. B. Roberts of Hanover, made one of his business trips Saturday with a load of furniture. He is to fit up two rooms at the parsonage for Rev. Mr. Holden.

Dr. F. E. Leslie has a new operating table. It has all the modern improvements—drawers for all kinds of surgical instruments, which draw from inside of the table. It is covered with rubber, and has adjustable legs by which it can be raised or lowered. It is complete in its mechanism and will be a great addition to the doctor's office.

EAST BETHEL.

Eugene Bean has returned home from his work in the woods.

Master Henry Howe of So. Paris spent the past week with his cousin, Master John Howe.

Miss Jennie Swan is the new assistant in the store and postoffice.

Mrs. Emma Bartlett has a camera and is practicing amateur photography.

Mr. Leander Swan of So. Paris is visiting his son, J. H. Swan, and family.

Mrs. Leona Blake from Massachusetts arrived home last week, called here by the severe illness of her mother, Mrs. N. F. Swan.

UPTON.

Mrs. Turner of Magalloway is staying here with her granddaughter, Mrs. Vashaw.

Mrs. Minnie Abbott who has been spending a few weeks with friends in Mexico and Rumford accompanied Miss Nora Ellingwood to the Maine General Hospital last Friday. Miss Ellingwood has been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. Bennett Morse was called to Augusta last Saturday by the illness of her daughter Adelia, of typhoid fever. Mrs. Morse was accompanied by her daughter Emma.

Master Gard Twaddle who has been spending his vacation with Harry and Elton Coolidge at Lakeside, returned to his home in Bethel Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Judkins and little sons returned home last week from a visit in Norway.

Mr. George Goddard of Bethel is staying at Will Bartlett's.

Mr. Aldana Brooks went to Bethel Saturday to get some work done on a shaft to the new boiler now being put into the steamer owned by Mr. Harry Dutton. Engineers E. M. Smith of Boston and A. E. Rowell of Gorham, N. H., are doing the work.

Walter Ellingwood went to Magalloway Monday to put in order the boats to be used on the drive.

Mr. Joseph Brooks has taken the drive on Cambridge river and began work Saturday.

Mr. Bedford Corey and family are at home from Blaine where they went last autumn to buy a farm. (Good farms in Upton, Bedford.)

Ralph Casey left town last week for a trip to Montana.

Bion Sanborn has taken the contract to haul and prepare a year's supply of wood for E. H. Davis at Lakeside. He already has forty-five cords fitted.

Lane Brothers returned home from the woods Sunday. Baker Thurston's teams were seen passing through town, also.

The Lake stage came through on wheels Saturday.

Marshall Whitney of Roxbury visited his brother Frank a week ago.

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP.

Cured by One Bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Frank W. Perry, Editor of the *Enterprise*, Sloatville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be of less duration, but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before Mr. Grip had bid me adieu."

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tabbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

It's no use for a man to pray to his Father so long as he preys on his brother.

ONE DROP OF BLOOD.**What the Microscope Reveals to the Trained Specialist.**

It Tells the Story of Illness or Health—If You Are "All Run Down" Dr. Greene's Nervura Will Cleanse Your Blood this Spring, and Make You Well—The King of Spring Medicines.

Under the microscope a drop of blood tells a wonderful story. The first thing the microscope tells us is that all blood is not alike. Take a drop of blood from your arm, another from a cat and another drop from a chicken, and the microscopist can distinguish them as easily as though you had given him a bunch of feathers, a tuft of fur and a lock of your hair.

The man with the microscope can tell the different kinds of blood by noticing the size and shape of the blood corpuscles. These corpuscles

and diseased it carries misery, pain and sickness. The blood, then, is the essence of life.

Pure, Rich Blood Means Health.

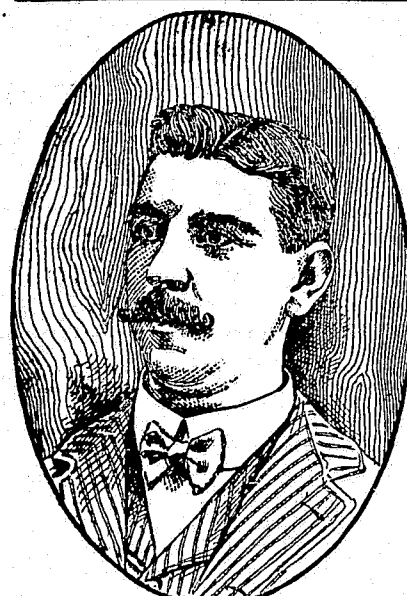
If pure, rich blood means health, how important is it that the blood should be restored and kept in that condition. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will do this. If your brain is exhausted, if you suffer from insomnia and nervousness, if you have boils or unsightly pimples and eruptions on your face, it is because your blood is impure. No amount of cosmetics or outside applications will do you permanent good. You must remove the cause—that is impure blood. Strengthen, enrich and purify the blood with Dr. Greene's Nervura, and these symptoms that cause you so much trouble and uneasiness will disappear.

An Actual Case Described.

Charles Bischoff was afflicted with boils till he reminded his friends of the Bible story about Job. Finally some one persuaded him to take Dr. Greene's Nervura, and he was cured.

Then he wrote to Dr. Greene as follows:

"My Dear Dr. Greene: I have been troubled with nerve and blood diseases for the last ten years. I had a number of boils breaking out on my neck all the time, and I tried all kinds of remedies and could not be cured. A friend of mine told me to get Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. I did and it has cured the boils, and I have found it the best that can be found for blood and nerve diseases. It is making my skin so healthy that I intend to take it right along." (Signed) "CHARLES BISCHOFF, '68 17th Ave., Newark, N. J."



CHARLES BISCHOFF, Newark, N. J.

The above letter is genuine. Any one interested may see the original at Dr. Greene's office, 34 Temple Place, Boston.

The boils resulted from impure blood. Mr. Bischoff was cured of boils because Dr. Greene's Nervura purified the blood.

Mission of the Blood Corpuscles. All healthy blood also contains a certain number of white corpuscles. These are the scavengers. They circulate around among the red particles and drive out impurities and disease germs. If the blood is lacking entirely in white corpuscles, it is liable to disease. On the other hand too many white corpuscles are equally dangerous.

Blood is the life of the human body. Pumped by the heart, it rushes through the veins into the remotest part of the system. If the blood is rich, red and pure it carries health and abounding life. If the blood is impoverished

The Best Spring Medicine. Skin eruptions of all kinds resulting from impure blood are especially apt to appear in the spring. The most efficient Spring medicine known, is Dr. Greene's Nervura because it acts on both blood and nerves.

Now is the time when every one ought to take a good spring medicine like Dr. Greene's Nervura. Make Dr. Greene your own physician. His expert medical advice is free. Call or write to 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass.

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All painters will tell you that there is nothing better than the

Monarch Mixed Paint.

This paint is absolutely pure and entire satisfaction is guaranteed. Paint your house this season with the MONARCH PAINT, whiten the walls with GYPSINE, and you will have a combination that will please you in the extreme. We always have on hand a good supply of

St. Louis Red Seal White Lead also Shellac, Linseed Oil, Varnishes, Turpentine, Wood Fillers, and Brushes

of all descriptions to use with them. We carry also the ever popular

Senour's Carriage and Floor Paint.

By the way, don't forget your sleds and wagons; the Blue Wagon Paint is what you need for them.

Also Fishing Tackle and Base Ball Supplies.

HASTINGS BROTHERS, BETHEL, MAINE.

I Coughed

"I had a most stubborn cough for many years. It deprived me of sleep and I grew very thin. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was quickly cured."

R. N. Mann, Fall Mills, Tenn.

Sixty years of cures and such testimony as the above have taught us what Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will do.

We know it's the greatest cough remedy ever made. And you will say so, too, after you try it. There's cure in every drop.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

NORWAY.

Webster C. Goodwin is at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston for surgical treatment.

A movement is on foot for the establishment in Norway of a "Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle."

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a baked bean supper at G. A. R. hall to-morrow evening, March 26.

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Hoyt of Lewiston, will inspect Company D. at the Armory Friday evening, March 27.

Frank Lovejoy has moved into A. C. McCall's rent on Paris St. Selectman Wm. H. Foster of Bridgton was in town last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Parker of Boston visited friends in town last week.

Miss Stella Osgood of Lewiston began work last week as operator in the New England Telephone Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Morrison and son Freeland visited at Freeland Howe's last week. Freeland will remain during his vacation.

George H. Bennett who has recently suffered an attack of the grip, is now having serious trouble with his eyes.

The annual meeting of the Norway Village Corporation will be held at Norway hall on Monday evening, April 13.

RUMFORD FALLS.

Mr. E. W. Allen of Canton was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Daniel McIntosh of Sidney, C. R. Island, came to town yesterday and intends to locate here. He is now staying at the Somerset House.

James Kerr who has been sawing the logs in Virginia for the Oxford Paper Company, stopped work last week.

Mrs. Edward Brown went to Lewiston recently.

The subject of Rev. Mr. Martin's sermon last Sunday was "Christ and His Enemies," which is the second in the Lenton series of sermons.

Mr. Harry Hall is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Hall in Damariscotta.

Mrs. John Crowe and son started for Ohio last week.

James Carroll and Mrs. Carroll went to New London, Conn., last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll have been staying at Fred Carroll's, their son, for the past three months.

Miss Ursula Swift of Lewiston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sprague Swift.

Rev. Stanford Mitchell preached at the Universalist church last Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Nora Ellingwood has gone to the Maine General Hospital for treatment.

Stanley Bisbee went to Portland last week.

Minnie Abbott of Upton who has been staying in Mexico for the past two weeks, has gone to Portland to work as a nurse.

NOTICE.

I desire to say to the public that I have ceased to be a member of the Blacksmiths' Association which was organized in Bethel on Jan. 1, 1903, and henceforth I shall do all work at the former prices. Thanking all for their past patronage and soliciting the same in the future, I am,

Very truly,
W. B. BAKER.

Maine Women in R. F. D. Work.

An announcement from the Postoffice in Washington, D. C., March 16, that Thomas Davis has been selected as rural free delivery carrier, with service to date from March 4, Cora B. Davis to be his assistant emphasizes an interesting point. This is the effective service of women as rural mail carriers. There are about 200 substitute carriers on the rural routes of the country, who are women. The department allows a man, who has been selected a rural carrier to designate his wife or daughter, or sister or some other woman friend to take his team and drive the mail on days when for some reason he happens to be unable to go himself. As a rule these rural carriers prefer to entrust their horses to some woman of the family than to hire an outsider for the purpose and it has come to the observation of the Postoffice Department that those women do not hesitate to brave the severest kind of weather to get the rural mails through. In fact they make the best of carriers and the department is well pleased with the record of the women substitutes.

As a matter of fact there are 37 women rural carriers, besides the 200 substitutes above mentioned, and they, too, are doing good work. It may be a woman's inherent love of gadding and her fondness for seeing the letters that go to different people, which help make her an efficient letter carrier, but at any rate she does the work well and to the satisfaction of the department.

The decision to install a free delivery service at Houlton, Me., has been followed by notice that a civil service examination for the establishment of an eligible list for clerks and carriers will be held there April 18 next. Preference in the selections of clerks and carriers will be given the applicants who live in Houlton. The age limit is between 18 and 45 years. Applications must be filed with the secretary of the local board before the close of business on April 11, 1903.

A number of postal clerks in Maine will receive larger salaries after July 1 of this year. The adjustment of salaries has been completed in the Postoffice department and the increases have been decided upon. The postmasters themselves made the recommendations some little time ago and as a rule those recommendations have been complied with. Before long the postmasters will be notified of what increases are authorized.

Bangor Commercial.

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Savings Banks Pay 3 per cent. Interest.

That is all they can afford to pay. To pay that rate they must invest their funds in securities yielding at least 4%, for they are obliged to pay 1% tax, 1% to reserve fund and expenses are 1%. We will sell you bonds paying 3 1/2% to 4 1/2% same as banks invest in. Why not invest for yourself and get 4 1/2% instead of 3% interest with the same or better security. Write for circulars, stating amount you desire.

S. E. MAY & CO., Lewiston, Me.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urine soaks the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

HE REFUSED TO SELL.

Turner and His Great Picture, "The Building of Carthage."

When Turner exhibited his great picture, "The Building of Carthage," he was disappointed because it had not been sold at once at the private view and angry with the press for criticising it severely. Sir Robert Peel called upon him.

"Mr. Turner," said he, "I admire your 'Carthage' so much that I want to buy it. I am told you want 500 guineas for it."

"Yes," said Turner, "it was 500 guineas, but today it's 600."

"Well," said Sir Robert, "I did not come prepared to give 600, and I must think it over. At the same time it seems to me that the change is an extraordinary piece of business on your part."

"Do as you please," said Turner. "Do as you please."

After a few days Sir Robert called again upon the great painter. "Mr. Turner," he began, "although I thought it a very extraordinary thing for you to raise your price, I shall be proud to buy that picture, and I am prepared to give you the 600 guineas."

"Ah!" said Turner, "it was 600 guineas, but today it's 700."

Sir Robert grew angry, and Turner laughed. "I was only in fun," he said. "I don't intend to sell the picture at all. It shall be my winding sheet."

For years he kept it in his cellar. Then it was brought up and hung in his gallery, where it remained as long as he lived. When he died, he left it to the nation.—Youth's Companion.

Forcing the Pace.

George Gordon, an old Scotchman of miserly habits, was dying. A neighbor who was on friendly terms with the old man's relatives agreed to call on the minister and beg him to try to induce the old fellow to make a will. The minister consented and at length persuaded the miser to allow a lawyer to be sent for.

By the time he arrived the old man was rapidly sinking, but the will was smartly drawn up and duly awaited his signature. He was propped up in bed and managed to write "George Gordon." Then he fell back exhausted.

An eager relative who stood by seized the pen and stuck it in the dying man's hand.

"D. D. George, d.," referring to the next letter of the signature.

The old man glared up wrathfully. "Dee!" he snapped. "I'll dee when I'm ready, ye avaricious wretch!"

Somebody Lied.

A certain woman has a husband who has done such a thing as to forget to do what his wife had requested. The other evening about 5 o'clock he came home, and she went at him.

"John," she said, "did you tell that expressman to come here this afternoon?"

"Yes, Mary," he answered meekly. "Well, he hasn't come."

"Is that so?"

"Yes, it is. Now, how do you account for it?"

John gave the matter a few moments' consideration.

"Well, my dear," he said finally, "either he's lying or I am, and to relieve us both from your suspicions I'll just step down to his place and see what's the matter." And the charitable John went to see the expressman.

A Gustatory Gem.

The chef was ignorant of the presence of the cannibal king, who eyed him critically, while a sunny smile danced gaily over his dimpled features. Suddenly the chef became aware of his presence and said as he most artistically saluted:

"I would have your majesty know that I have just created a formula for a soup that shall win an instant immortality."

"And what may it be?" asked the monarch impatiently. "I never was an expert in the art of guessing, and I would know the name of your new delectation."

And the chef, appreciating the king's interest and his own importance, saluted again and replied:

"Mock missionary."—New York Times.

A Bull For a God.

The ancient Egyptians believed that the spirit of their greatest god, Osiris, dwelt among them in the form of a pure white bull marked by a certain sign. Herodotus mentions two of these signs—a black eagle on the back and a black forehead with a square of white in its center. These creatures which found were worshipped during life and immolated after death. The New York Historical society has one of these "bull gods," a fine mummy from the temple of Serapis.

Hospital.

There was a very small audience present, and it was rapidly dwindling away. On the stage the hero and heroine are holding a rendezvous. Hero to Heroine—Are we alone? Heroine (thinking of the audience)—Not yet. There are two fellows near the door who look as if they might be able to sit through another act.

Their Tale of Miss. Georgiana—Julia and Jack don't stay out at their new country place at all. George—Why?

"Oh, they want to be in town all the time to tell everybody how much they like it out in the country."—Life.

Just For a Lark.

Rabbit Hunter—Do you like birds? Bird Hunter—Sure! I love 'em! Rabbit Hunter—Then eat my rabbit for a lark.—Harvard Lampoon.

The martyrs to vice far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and number.—Colton.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

"What do you think of the nomination for Mayor?" "I don't think. All I do is vote the straight ticket on election day."

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Lebbots, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

A man never knows what little influence he has with his women-folks until his daughter falls in love with a man he can't approve of.

A wheelman's tool bag isn't complete without a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Heals cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Monarch over pain.

The second swearing off period is at hand. This time it has to do with taxes, and is a good deal more earnest than the New Year's sort.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of

Madge—"Don't you think a girl should marry an economical man?" Dolly—"I suppose so, but it's just awful being engaged to one."

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25c.

"Is she a new woman?" "Better than new even. You see, she secured \$100,000 alimony from her last husband, and that makes her improved property."

Every family should have its household medicine chest, and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

This is the way a Billville justice laid down the law: Mr. Bailiff, take the lawyer to jail for ten days, give the woman a divorce, whip the husband and bring in a jug of liquor."

A Certain Cure for Chilblains.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder, cures Chilblains, Frostbites, Blisters, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c.

"The first thing to be done," said the committeeman in an important tone, "is to organize. Therefore—"I beg your pardon," said an older member, "We have not been photographed yet."

Many School Children are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Old Lady—"I can't bear to see you smoking that cigarette, little boy." Street Urchin—"Can't y', mum? Keep a-movin' then, 'n' I won't draw a daddier puff till you're 'round de corner."

Itchiness of the skin, horrible plague. Most every body afflicted in one way or another. Only one safe, never failing cure—Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

The Delaware Insurance Co. of Philadelphia.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.	
Real estate	\$ 200,500 00
Mortgage loans	116,700 00
Collateral loans	225,000 00
Stocks and bonds	882,862 00
Cash in office and bank	60,820 00
Bills receivable	2,791 66
Interest and rents	2,085 54
Uncollected premiums	160,595 11
All other assets	2,955 57
Gross assets	\$1,654,308 28
Admitted assets, Dec. 31, 1903.	\$1,654,308 28
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1903.	
Net unpaid losses	\$ 55,320 00
Unearned premiums	755,325 48
All other liabilities	27,568 39
Total	\$ 838,213 87
Cash capital	702,875 00
Surplus over all liabilities	133,142 41
Total liabilities and surplus	\$1,654,308 28
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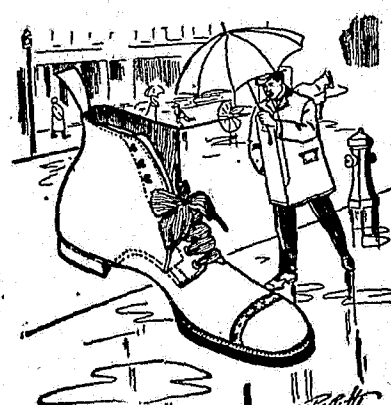
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The Hon. Benjamin Franklin, N. Y., father of sons, writer, family, which he hoped every man and woman should have. Some years ago I suffered from a TION. I was also down. This condition about three years. who had suffered in and been much better. DAVID KENNEDY REMEDY, urged me, did, and IT HELPED FIRST DOSE, AND ITS USE AND WA "I have recommended of people, and in every they have received benefit from its use. Dr. David Kennedy's edly in the most medicine known for Bladder and Blood tism, Dyspepsia and Druggists sell it in and the regular \$1.00 Sample bottle—enough. Dr. David Kennedy's Corp Dr. David Kennedy's Old Sore, Skin and Scro

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The simplest remedy for biliousness, indigestion, and all the ailments of the stomach. It is a powerful medicine, and its time of action is so quick that the seat of the trouble is soon reached, and the system is generally cleansed and cured. The Cent packet is enough for the family bottle, and one for a year. All druggists



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Agents' Balances

All other assets

Gross assets

Net assets

Deposits

Surplus over all liabilities

Total liabilities and surplus

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POLITICS.

The Hon. Benjamin B. Odell of Newburgh, N. Y., father of an illustrious family of sons, writes the following letter, which he hopes will be read by every man and woman in America:

"Some years ago my life was fairly made miserable by the pain and distress I suffered from ACUTE INDIGESTION. I was also constipated and run down. This condition continued for about three years. A friend of mine who had suffered in a similar manner, and been much benefited by using DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY, urged me to try it. I finally did, and IT HELPED ME FROM THE FIRST DOSE, AND I CONTINUED ITS USE AND WAS CURED.

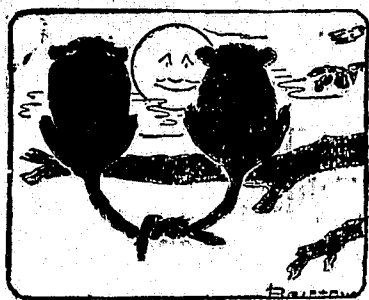
"I have recommended it to numbers of people, and in every single instance they have received the greatest amount of benefit from its use.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the most prompt and efficient medicine known for Kidney, Liver, Bladder and Blood Diseases, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Constipation.

Druggists sell it in **Now 50 Cent Size** and the regular \$1.00 size bottle. Sample bottle—enough for trial, free by mail. Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y.

Dr. David Kennedy's Salt Rheum Cream cures Old Sores, Skin and Scrofulous Diseases. 50c.

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Assets Dec. 31, 1902.
Stocks and Bonds, \$45,045.62
Cash in office and bank, \$3,246.34
Agents' Balances, \$3,246.34
All other assets, \$3,246.34
Gross assets, \$54,784.30
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,000.00
Admitted assets, \$53,784.30
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.
Net unpaid losses, \$45,045.62
Unearned premiums, \$3,246.34
Total, \$48,291.96
Deposits capital, \$3,246.34
Surplus over all liabilities, \$45,045.62
Total liabilities and surplus, \$48,291.96
W. J. WHEELER & Co., Agents,
So. Paris, Me.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

A Duty Song.

I do the day's work
Whatever the weather,
For Duty and I
Can be cheery together;
In fog, rain or wind,
There is a clear view
Through the hours of the day
That has tasks to pursue.
I do the day's work,
Though a vision of sorrow
May be in the cloud
That hangs over to-morrow.
Since heart, brain and hands
Are all busy to-day,
There is joy in my life,
And the trouble can stay.
I do the day's work,
Whoever may blame me,
If I work at my best
No critic can shame me,
For heartache and worry
And dread flee away,
When Duty and I
Are together all day.
—Selected.

How Sleep Came.

It was very pleasant and cosy in the firelit library, Nan thought, casting disapproving looks at the tall clock, whose hands were creeping nearer to the dreaded eight o'clock.

"It's much nicer sitting here, listening to your stories, than going off to that stupid bed," she said, nestling closer to Aunt Meg. "Isn't it Ned?"

Her twin nodded emphatically. "I don't see what's the use of going to bed so much, anyhow," he said disgustedly. "Just think of the hours and hours wasted that way."

Aunt Meg laughed. "You never seem to think so when getting up time comes. Your very wise remarks have reminded me of something, that perhaps there'll be time for you to hear, that is, if you care to."

"Another story?" Nan clapped her hands. "A short one, dear, that I read the other day, and that was told long, long years ago, by old Fronto—who was tutor to the little children of the great emperor, Marcus Aurelius, to one of those same children."

"Marcus Aurelius"—Ned repeated wonderingly—"he was that wise old chap, that papa is so fond of reading, wasn't he—did he have any children, Aunt Meg?"

"Indeed, yes, and was very devoted to them, too."

"But the story, please," Nan pleaded.

"Well dear, here it is, just as it was old Fronto told it, one sunny morning, so many centuries ago—They say that our father Jupiter, when he ordered the world at the beginning, divided time into two parts exactly equal; the one part he clothed with light, the other with darkness; he called them day and night; and he assigned rest to the night and to day the work of life. At that time sleep was not yet born and men passed the whole of their lives awake; only the quiet of the night was ordained for them, instead of sleep. But it came to pass, little by little, being that the minds of men are restless, that they carried on their business by night, as by day, and gave no part at all to repose. And Jupiter, when he perceived that even in the night-time they ceased not from trouble and disputation, and that even the courts of law remained open, resolved to appoint one of his brothers to be the overseer of the night, and have authority over man's rest. But Neptune pleaded in excuse the extreme gravity of his constant charge of the seas, and Father Dis the difficulty of keeping in subjection the spirits below; and Jupiter, having taken counsel with the other gods, perceived that the practice of nightly vigils was somewhat in favor. Minerva, the mistress of all art and craft, loved the midnight lamp; Mars delighted in the darkness for his plots and sallies. Then it was that Jupiter formed the design of creating Sleep; and he added him to the number of the gods, and gave him charge over night and rest, putting into his hand the keys of human eyes. With his own hand he mingled the juices wherewith sleep should soothe the hearts of mortals—herb of enjoyment and herb of safety, gathered from a grove in heaven; and from the meadows of Acheron, the herb of death, expressing from it one single drop, no bigger than a tear one might

hide. 'With this juice,' he said, 'pour slumber upon the eyelids of mortal. So soon as it hath touched them, they will lay themselves down motionless, under thy power. But be not afraid, they shall revive, and in a while stand up again upon their feet.' Thereafter Jupiter gave wings to Sleep, attached, not, like Mercury's, to his heels, but to shoulders, like the wings of love, for he said, 'It becomes thee not to approach men's eyes with the noise of chariots, and the rushing of a swift courser, but in placid and peaceful flight, as upon the wings of swallow—Nay! with not so much as the flutter of a dove! Besides all this, that he might be yet pleasanter to men, he committed to him also a multitude of blissful dreams according to every man's desire. One watched his favorite actor; another listened to the flute, or guided a charioteer in the race; in his dream, the soldier was victorious, the general was borne in triumph, the wanderer returned home. Yes! and sometimes these dreams come true.' Aunt Meg's voice died softly away.

"That's a very nice story, isn't it Ned?" Nan said with a deep breath.

"First rate," agreed Ned, "I like stories about Jupiter, and Mars, and all those old fellows."

"Bed time, and past," nurse said, appearing like Nemesis in the doorway.

"Molly," Nan asked, as they went upstairs, "do you know what sleep is for?"

"Aye, to be sure—to make little boys and girls grow strong and hearty—what else?"—Word and Works.

HOW THE INDIANS GOT FIRE

One Method Was to Rub a Stick Upon a Piece of Sandstone.

The Indian boy was never whipped for playing with matches. The reason was simply that the Indians never used matches. If they had, it would be safe to say that young Indians would have been into them.

It was something of a task for an Indian to kindle a fire. After he had been out hunting and had been wet through his blankets by the rain, he wasn't able to come home and touch a match to the gas logs or shake the furnace down. If there were a few sparks smoldering on his hearth of crude stones in the center of his wigwam, he could blow it into a blaze easily enough, but if the embers had gone out he had a task before him.

When workmen were making the excavation for the capitol building at Albany, N. Y., one of them unearthed a queer looking stone which shows one way how the poor Indian got his fire. It is of sandstone, about two inches wide and two and a half inches in length, with a hole through at one end and a bowl shaped hollow at the other. Through the hole the Indian used to put a thing to hang it around his neck so that he would have his "matchbox" with him whenever he needed it.

Should he then come home wet and find that his squaw had let the fire go out he would give her a good beating, and when warmed with his exercise he would take his firestone from his neck and place it between his knees. He would then take a stick between his palms, press one end of it into the hollow bowl of the stone and then begin sliding his hands back and forth. The friction of the wood on the sandstone soon caused enough heat to make the stick glow, and after a few strong puffs from the Indian's mouth the glow would blaze into a flame. Any boy can find out if this was a simple thing to do by trying it himself.

The stone which was dug up at Albany shows how many centuries the Indians used to prowl through our forests before Columbus came, in 1492. It is believed that it was used in the stone age, or 100,000 or more years ago. —New York Tribune.

The Oldest Cannon.

Several hundred years before the science of explosives reached western civilization at all it was thoroughly understood among the Chinese. It is said that cannon were in general use by the armies of the Celestial Kingdom over 3,000 years ago. The great wall, begun under the Emperor Tobias about 780 B. C., and finished nearly 150 years later, shut China away from communication with the world and hid its wonderful progress from the rest of mankind.

Of course the cannon used in China at that time were very different from those now in use either there or in Europe. The general principles were the same. The idea was not original with Europeans, as they supposed it was when cannon first appeared among them. There has recently been found in China a cannon which, according to most authentic records, is more than 2,000 years old. Before it was brought to this country it was mounted on the solid masonry of the Chinese wall and has probably been in use during all the years of the Christian era. This curious old piece of artillery has lately been purchased by the city of Philadelphia and is now on exhibition in Fairmount park in that city.

How to Sharpen Carving Knives. When knives and carvers are blunt, rub them across a common brown earthenware dish, rough side, and you will obtain a good edge.

HOME GROWN RATIONS.

Alfalfa, Cowpeas and Crimson Clover Versus Purchased Feeds.

The New Jersey experiment station has been studying the substitution of home grown for purchased feeds in a practical way and finds that a home grown ration, composed of thirteen pounds of alfalfa hay and thirty pounds of corn silage, proved both practical and economical when fed in comparison with a ration in which over two-thirds of the protein was derived from wheat bran and dried brewers' grains. Milk was produced from the home grown ration for two-thirds the cost of that from the feed ration. The cost of milk per hundred was 55.9 cents against 83.9 cents for the feed ration. The gain from feeding the home grown ration when milk is worth \$1 per hundred amounted to \$1.39 per cow per month.

On the basis of this experiment when mixed hay (timothy and redtop) sells for \$16 per ton and wheat bran can be purchased for \$26 per ton and dried brewers' grains for \$20 per ton alfalfa hay is worth \$24.52 per ton as a substitute for mixed hay, wheat bran and dried brewers' grains fed in the proportion indicated in the ration.

Another Ration and Its Results. Another home grown ration composed of thirty-six pounds of cowpea silage, ten pounds crimson clover hay and six pounds corn and cob meal, costing 16.57 cents, produced as much milk as a ration in which over two-thirds of the protein was purchased in the form of dried brewers' grains and cottonseed meal and which cost 17.15 cents.

The results of this experiment are significant in showing that a ration composed of home grown crops, though costing nearly as much, when the crops are figured at the market price, may be fully equal as a milk producer to a ration in which the protein is largely supplied by purchased feeds.

Home grown crops were utilized in the dairy at a greater profit than could have been realized by selling them at the market price.

Dread of the Silo All Needless.

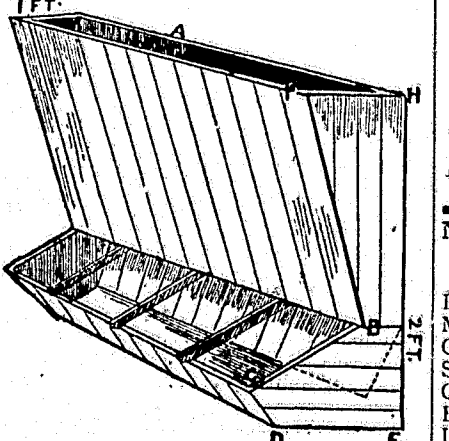
Many farmers write me saying if it were not for the expensive machinery and the awful amount and cost of labor they would have built a silo long ago. Their dread is all imaginary. Two men in the field with a low down wagon, platform not over two feet from the ground, will cut and draw in alongside the cutter table twenty tons per day easily, and I will take it off the wagon and feed it through the cutter just as easily, boy will keep it scattered in the silo, and that is all there is to it. Counting all—labor, teams and expenses—it cost me just about 30 cents per ton to store my silage. An antisliloist made a statement lately in a dairy paper that it costs the best part of \$1,000 to build a silo and procure the machinery. Bosh! I did the same thing and filled the silo to boot for a little over \$100, affirms L. W. Lighty in National Stockman.

How to Get Ahead of the Insects.

One cannot do better on the farm late in fall and winter than to make a thorough search in the orchard and garden for insect pests and their eggs or larvae. The best way to destroy many insects is to prevent their millions of eggs from hatching. Many of these are laid on the twigs and in the bark of the orchard trees. The tree borers and grubs bury themselves at the base of the trees and inside of the twigs and bushes or bore pinholes in the trees and deposit them there. Millions of these eggs are laid for another season's crop of insect pests. By destroying these eggs we get ahead of the pests and greatly limit their ravages.

Footproof Pig Trough.

An Ohio Farmer correspondent has had the hog trough here sketched in successful use for some time. Pigs cannot get their feet into it and cannot get in the way when pouring in slop. The height, E, H, is 2 feet; F, H, 1



A GOOD PIG TROUGH.
foot; width of opening at B, 2 inches; C, D, 6 inches; D, E, 8 inches. Slop is poured in at A and runs down through the two inch opening into the trough, the rear side of which slopes forward so that the pigs can reach all the slop in bottom of trough.

Live Thoughts.

Some men are always behindhand with their work. Be the season long or short, fair or stormy, they are constantly racing with Father Time. Neither man nor his land will improve by lying idle.

Every farmer ought to be a plant breeder as well as a live stock breeder. There is as much room for improvement in the former as the latter.

A field turned out to rest is like a human loafer—if it is not kept busy raising a crop, it is sure to get into mischief by growing weeds.

Plenty of alfalfa means fat cattle, fat horses, fat hogs, fat sheep and fat poultry, and these fat things make fat butters.

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When a child is restless, "fidgety," can't sit still, a wise parent suspects worms may be the cause. When children are ailing, give them True's Pin Worm Elixir. A few doses will expel worms, and correct all stomach and bowel diseases. If no worms are present, this pure vegetable remedy will act as a safe tonic.

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New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company,

Manchester, N. H.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real Estate, \$174,037.58

Mortgage loans, 467,533.33

Collateral loans, 120,000.00

Stocks and bonds, 2,540,420.00

Cash in office and bank, 251,870.87

Bills receivable, 3,460.47

Uncollected premiums, 223,377.42

Gross assets, \$3,779,569.67

Admitted assets, \$3,779,569.67

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$152,032.70

Unearned premiums, 1,367,520.97

All other liabilities, 105,205.90

Total, \$1,624,759.57

Cash capital, 1,000,000.00

Surplus over all liabilities, 1,154,810.10

Total liabilities and surplus, \$3,779,569.67

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American Insurance Co., Boston, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Stocks and bonds, \$677,988.00

Cash in office and bank, 49,447.08

Interest and rents, 4,485.33

Uncollected premiums, 135,315.41

All other assets, 800.00

Gross assets, \$859,035.84

Admitted assets, \$859,035.84

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$48,201.68

Unearned premiums, 330,574.47

All other liabilities, 62,995.34

Total, \$441,771.49

Cash capital, 300,000.00

Surplus over all liabilities, 127,264.35

Total liabilities and surplus, \$568,935.79

W. J. WHEELER & Co., Agents,
So. Paris, Me.

United States Branch of the

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INS. CO. of London and Edinburgh, G.B.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1902.

Stocks and bonds, \$4,730,605.00

Cash in office and bank, 1,951,945.43

Agents' Balances, 618,714.24

Interest and rents, 52,924.50

All other assets, 4,581.10

Gross assets, \$7,259,520.27

Deduct items not admitted, 21,305.10

Admitted assets, \$7,238,215.17

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$308,387.41

Unearned premiums, 1,951,945.43

All other liabilities, 139,019.93

Total, \$3,499,352.77

Surplus over all liabilities, 3,738,862.40

W. J. WHEELER & Co., Agents,
South Paris, Me.

New Jersey Plate Glass Insurance Co.

of Newark, N. J.

S. C. HOAGLAND, Pres. H. C. HEDDEN, Sec.

STATEMENT Dec. 31st, 1902.

CASH CAPITAL.

Assets.

Bonds and mortgages, \$194,600.00

Cash, 15,295.15

Interest, 2,575.68

Premiums in course of collection, 16,757.24

All other assets, 2,095.96

Total assets, \$231,324.03

LIABILITIES.

Reserve for reinsurance, \$75,082.44


Losses unadjusted, 1,553.73

Surplus to policy holders, \$154,687.86

Net surplus, \$154,687.86

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BASKET BALL.

Gould's crippled team met its worst defeat of the season at the hands of the girls of Berlin High school in the Whitney opera house at Berlin, N. H., Friday evening, March 20.

Misses Hastings and Whidden were unable to play and the presence of three substitutes rendered fast team playing impossible.

The first half was close and exciting, ending with a score of 8 to 6 in Gould's favor but in the second half Berlin had it all her own way and Miss Lowe threw goals as often as she pleased.

For Berlin High Miss Lowe was the star with Miss Coffey a close second, while Misses Carter and Wiley carried off the honors for Gould's. A short program of dances and games was greatly enjoyed by all after the close of a game between the High school boys and the Berlin town team.

The Berlin girls proved themselves the best of hostesses and the friendly spirit of the players made the occasion one that will long be looked back to with pleasure.

THE TEAMS.

Score, Berlin High, 21, Gould's 8; goals from the field, Miss Lowe 6, Miss Sprowl, 2, Miss Coffey 1, Miss Carter, 2, Miss Stanley 1; goals from fouls, Miss Lowe, 3, Miss Carter 2; referee, Mr. Campbell of Berlin; umpire, Mr. Wood of Berlin and Mr. Dyer of Gould's; timekeepers, Mr. Lang of Berlin, and Miss Williams of Gould's; scorer, Mr. Wight of Berlin; time, two fifteen minute halves.

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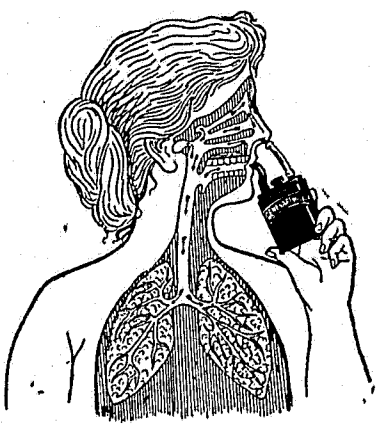
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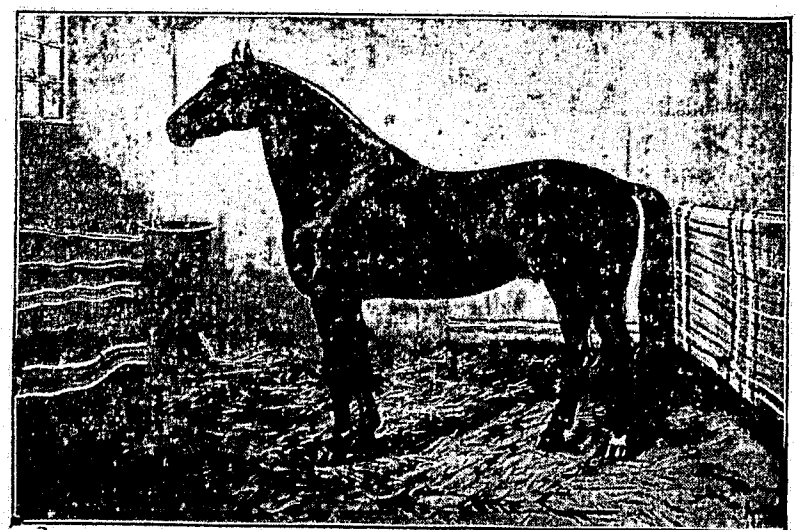
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SABLE WILKES

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Ora Wilkes, 3 years,	" 2.15, " 9,475	Buffington, 3 years,	" 2.20, " 3,595
Ora Wilkes, 4 years,	" 2.14, " 10,575	Sable Nut, 2 years,	" 2.21, " 1,450
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Sabina, 3 years,	" 2.27, " 2,225	McClary, 2 years,	" 2.26, " 300
Sabina, 4 years,	" 2.15, " 5,750	Ante Dawn, 3 years,	" 2.16, " 300
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Closing Concert.

We hope all will remember that Tuesday evening, the 17th, is the date of the closing concert at the Methodist church, under the direction of Prof. W. S. Wight of Bethel, Maine, who has been doing such good work here and in several adjoining towns, as well as Skowhegan, the past winter in teaching beginners and others how to read and sing music correctly the old-fashioned way, by note. Even Lillian Norton (Nordica) when well advanced in her musical work, being unable to read music by note, began over and learned to sing that way. The concert will consist of songs, duets, quartets and choruses, one of which will be a chorus of 25 or 30 little girls with their dolls; only three or four of these girls are included in the chorus, a class of 50 or more voices. The program consists of all kinds of music from simple glees to Gunod's grand chorus Praise Ye the Father. Such music as the latter is sung all over the world by the best singers. Singers from Bingham are expected to assist which will be pleasing to all. Prof. Wight is one of the finest singers as well as teachers in Maine and we wish all could have heard Prof. Chapman's words of praise and commendation of him from the stage just before the close of his concert held in Skowhegan, March 3. No doubt if the artists had not been changed to include a bass singer Mr. Wight would have sung as he had been requested to do so by Mr. Chapman. It will be a rare treat to all to listen to him and his chorus next Tuesday evening, March 17.—Solon Weekly Times.

The United States Fidelity & Guaranty

JNO. R. BLAND, President.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.
Real estate, \$116,909 56
Mortgage loans, 54,100 00
Collateral loans, 144,935 00
Stocks and bonds, 2,245,188 59
Cash in office and bank, 177,362 78
Interest and rents, 24,794 51
Uncollected premiums, 229,031 55
All other assets, 228,005 96

Gross assets, \$3,220,327 95
Deduct items not admitted, 267,460 15

Admitted assets, \$2,952,867 80

LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$177,324 05

Unearned premiums, 709,544 83

Total, \$976,868 88

Cash capital, 1,650,900 00

Surplus over all liabilities, 325,098 92

Total liabilities and surplus, \$2,952,867 80

A. E. MORRISON, Agent.

Rumford Falls, Me.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company

of New York.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real estate, \$621,160 53

Collateral loans, 285,000 00

Stocks and bonds, 3,840,641 00

Cash in office and bank, 52,522 61

Bills receivable, 8,441 82

Interest and rents, 4,074 97

Uncollected premiums (net), 419,573 76

All other assets, 15,707 75

Gross assets, \$5,273,122 44

Deduct items not admitted, 4,441 82

Admitted assets, \$5,268,680 62

LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$914,694 48

Unearned premiums, 2,364,551 64

Contingent fund, 250,000 00

All other liabilities, 35,593 94

Total, \$3,564,840 06

Cash capital, 50,000 00

Surplus over all liabilities, 1,453,870 56

Total liabilities and surplus, \$5,268,680 62

C. E. TOLMAN, and W. J. WHEELER, Agents.

So. Paris, Me.

United States Casualty Company,

141 Broadway New York City.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1902.

Real Estate, \$5,000 00

Mortgage Loans, 5,000 00

Stocks and Bonds, 1,187,709 46

Cash in office and bank, 182,238 55

Agents' Balances, 712 76

Interest and Rents, 8,608 69

Uncollected Premiums, net, 90,378 75

Gross Assets, \$1,479,648 21

Deduct items not admitted, 712 76

Admitted Assets, \$1,478,935 45

LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, \$119,152 00

Unearned Premiums, 438,740 92

All other liabilities, 71,042 53

Total, \$628,935 45

Cash Capital, 300,000 00

Surplus over all liabilities, 550,000 00

Total liabilities and surplus, \$1,478,935 45

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Williamsburgh City Fire Insurance

Co. of New York.

Assets Dec. 31, 1902.

Real estate, \$669,587 77

Mortgage loans, 253,600 00

Collateral loans, 20,700 00

Stocks and bonds, 1,179,840 00

Cash in office and bank, 104,566 80

Agents' balances, 45,462 28

Interest and rents, 13,984 87

Uncollected premiums, 97,859 93

Gross assets, 2,391,641 24

Deduct items not admitted, 903 75

Admitted assets, 2,390,737 49

LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1902.

Net unpaid losses, 72,802 28

Unearned premiums, 776,140 15

All other liabilities, 30,849 41

Total, 879,891 84

Cash capital, 250,000 00

Surplus over all liabilities, 1,261,186 65

Total liabilities and surplus, 2,390,737 49

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The Meyer house, situated on the corner of Church and Main streets, and fronting upon Bethel Common, in Bethel village, formerly known as the Skillings house. This house has recently been put in good repair and elegantly furnished. For terms apply to

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The Ethridge farm, so called, on Grover Hill, last occupied by Chas. W. Willey. Good orchard, sufficient wood for place. Some young timber, excellent pasture and good buildings. A good bargain for a party wanting a farm. Apply to HERRICK & PARK, Bethel, Me.

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Rhode Island Reds, 35 cents per setting. Call at

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Announcement.

Mrs. F. C. Shaw and Mrs. Staples have opened dressmaking rooms over the store of A. Van Don Kerkhoven on Church street and will be pleased to receive the patronage of the ladies of Bethel and vicinity.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 17th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

TIMOTHY H. CHAPMAN late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Horatio N. Upton and Peter L. Watts, the executors therein named.

LUCINDA S. GODWIN late of Bethel, deceased; final and private accounts presented for allowance by Horatio R. Godwin, administrator.

STEPHEN A. STEVENS late of Bethel, deceased; petition that Ellery C. Park or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by Albert H. Stevens, a brother.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Just of said Court.
A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
Mar. 17, 1903.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of SARAH B. FRENCH late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 17, 1903. John Hapgood.

NOTICE.

All those who wish to carry scholars or furnish wood will please put in their bids by April 1, next. The bills for carrying scholars must be for the school year, thirty weeks.

Per order COMMITTEE.

Teachers' Examination.
The annual town examination for those who wish to teach in the schools of Bethel for the coming school year will be given at Gould's Academy Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 a. m.

Per order COMMITTEE.

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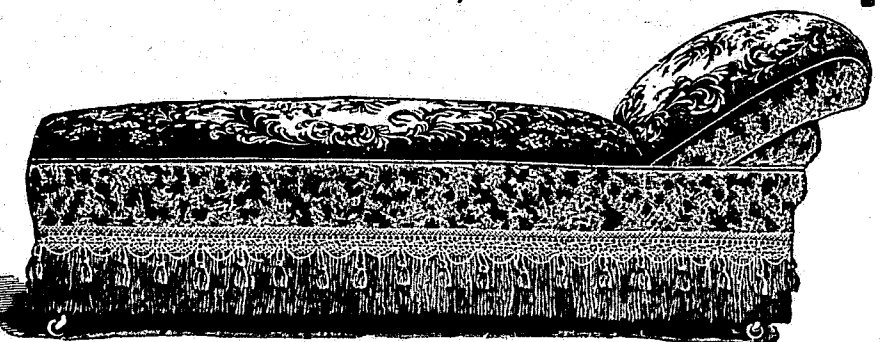
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